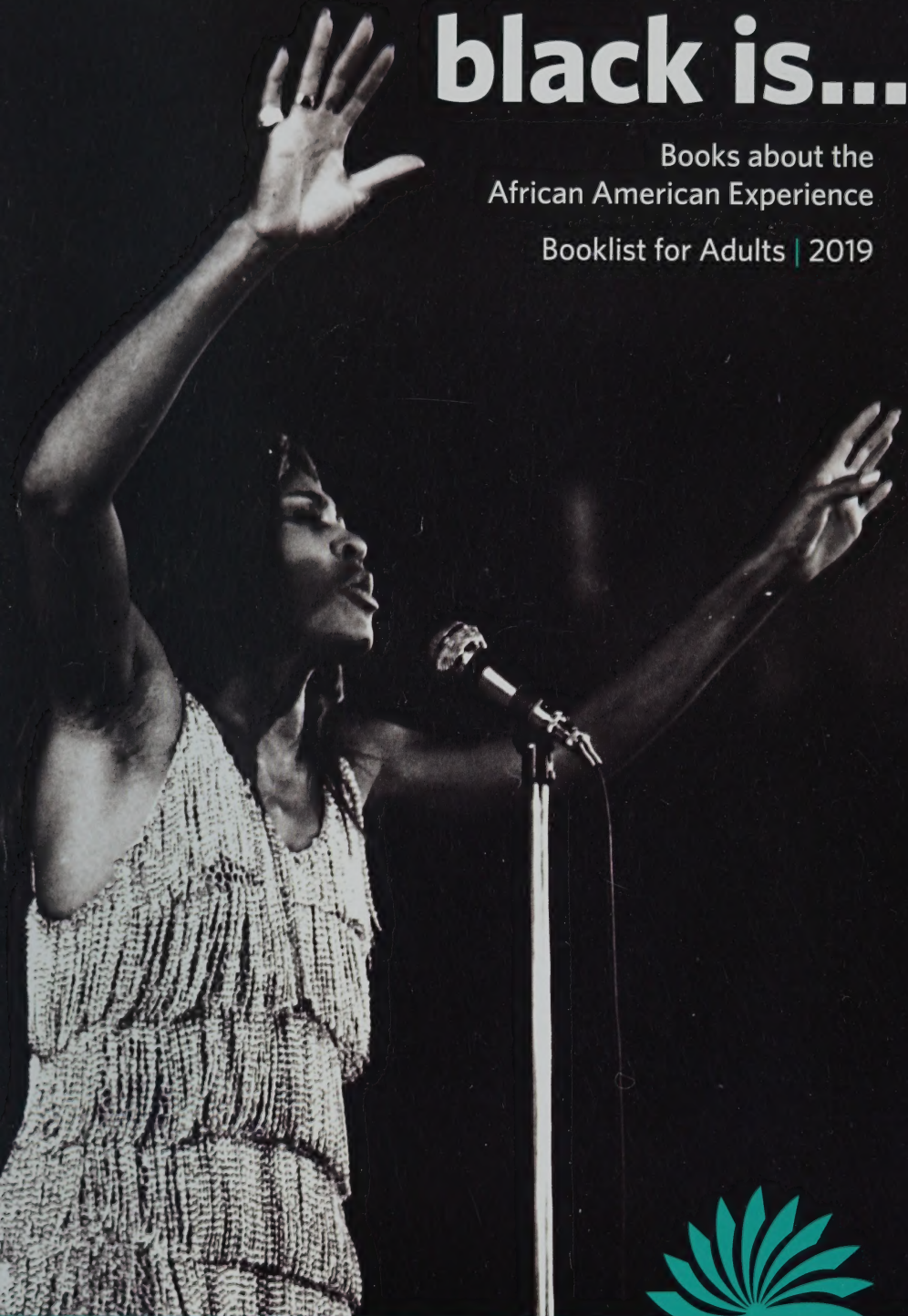


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## BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR



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By Raymond Arsenault

This comprehensive biography tells the story of Arthur Ashe's rise in

the tennis world and his advocacy for social and racial justice.

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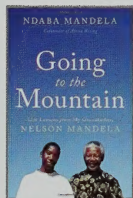
### Becoming

By Michelle Obama

This memoir by the former First Lady of the United States describes her

childhood in Chicago, her education, early married life, the presidential campaigns, and her time in the White House.

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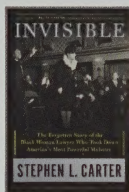


### Going to the Mountain: Life Lessons from My Grandfather, Nelson Mandela

By Ndaba Mandela

Ndaba came to live with his famous grandfather when he turned 11, which had a tremendous impact on his future life.

BIOG DT1974 .M325 2018x



### Invisible: The Forgotten Story of the Black Woman Lawyer who Took Down America's Most Powerful Mobster

By Stephen L. Carter

Best-selling author and Yale Law Professor Stephen L. Carter writes a biography of his grandmother, groundbreaking attorney Eunice Hunton Carter, who took down mob boss Lucky Luciano.

BIOG PS3603 .A78 Z46 2018

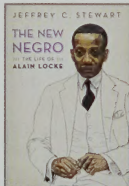


### My Love Story

By Tina Turner with Deborah Davis and Dominick Wichmann

Rocker Tina Turner writes an updated biography about her music and personal life up to the present day.

ML420.T95 A3 2018x



### The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke

By Jeffrey C. Stewart

Alain Locke was an African-American intellectual who mentored the writers and visual artists of the Harlem Renaissance.

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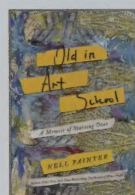


## **No Ashes in the Fire: Coming of Age Black & Free in America**

By Darnell L. Moore

Darnell L. Moore, a founder of the Black Lives Matter movement, has survived poverty, violence, and homophobia.

BIOG HQ76.27 .A37 M66 2018

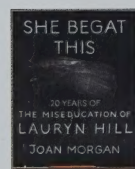


## **Old in Art School: A Memoir of Starting Over**

By Nell Irvin Painter

After her retirement teaching history at Princeton University, Dr. Nell Irvin Painter enrolled at Rhode Island School of Art and Design to study painting.

BIOG N6537.P23 A2 2018

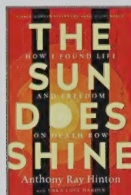


## **She Begat This: 20 Years of The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill**

By Joan Morgan

This book celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lauryn Hill's milestone solo album.

BIOG ML420.H427 M67 2018

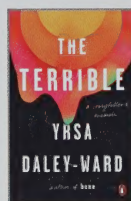


## **The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row**

By Anthony Ray Hinton  
with Lane Love Hardin

This is the story of how Anthony Ray Hinton, an innocent Black man sentenced to death, learned to stay alive on Death Row in Alabama.

BIOG KF224 .H565 H56 2018



## **The Terrible: A Storyteller's Memoir**

By Yrsa Daley-Ward

"I'm feeling dark red things and I don't know why." In poetry and imaginative prose, Daley-Ward discusses the wonderful and terrible reality of being a young Jamaican-Nigerian girl in England who is made hyper aware of her body.

BIOG PR6104 .A456 Z46 2018x



## **Things That Make White People Uncomfortable**

By Michael Bennett  
and Dave Zirin

NFL football player Michael Bennett discusses racism in college and professional football, social activism, and the responsibilities of athletes as role models.

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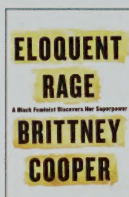


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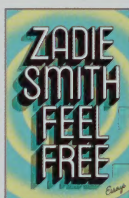


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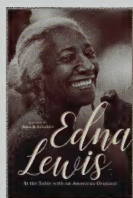


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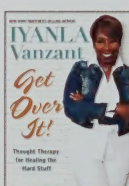


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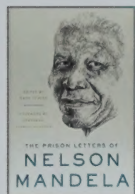
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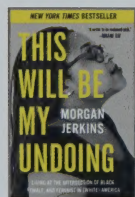


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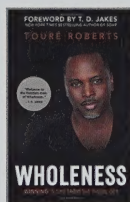


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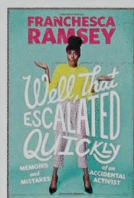


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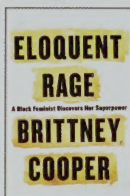


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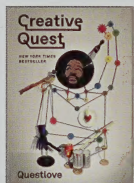
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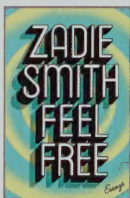


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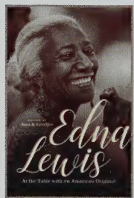


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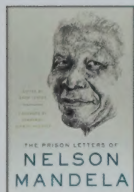
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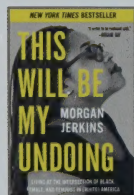


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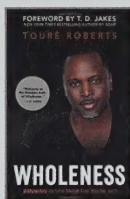


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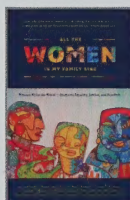
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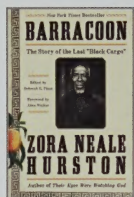


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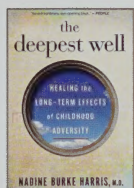
## Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo"

By Zora Neale Hurston

In 1927 Zora Neale Hurston went to Plateau, Alabama

to interview Cudjo Lewis, then the only person alive who could speak about his experiences as a captured slave.

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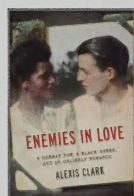


## The Deepest Well: Healing the Long-term Effects of Childhood Adversity

By Nadine Burke Harris, M.D.

San Francisco pediatrician Dr. Nadine Burke Harris has extensively studied the data and her own patients about "adverse childhood experiences" such as divorce, addiction, and abuse, and provides health interventions to help children grow into healthy adults.

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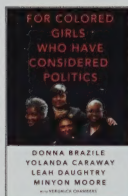


## Enemies in Love: A German POW, a Black Nurse and an Unlikely Romance

By Alexis Clark

African-American nurse Elinor Powell and German POW Frederick Albert meet and fall in love inside an Arizona prison camp.

HQ1031 .C52 2018x



## For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Politics

By Donna Brazile, Yolanda Caraway, Leah Daughtry, and Minyon Moore with Veronica Chambers

Four politically active African-American women share their stories in the political campaign trenches.

E185.96 .B829 2018

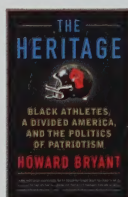


## A Girl Stands at the Door: The Generation of Young Women who Desegregated America's Schools

By Rachel Devlin

Historian Rachel Devlin tells the stories of the girls who volunteered to cross the color line to attend formerly segregated schools.

LC212.52 .D48 2018



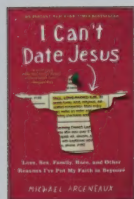
## The Heritage: Black Athletes, a Divided America, and the Politics of Patriotism

By Howard Bryant

This book is a comprehensive study of the influence of politics on professional sports, from Paul Robson and Muhammed Ali to Colin Kaepernick and LeBron James.

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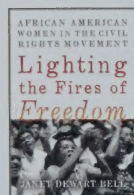


**I Can't Date Jesus: Love, Sex, Family, Race, and Other Reasons I've Put My Faith in Beyoncé**

By Michael Arceneaux

Michael Arceneaux writes about his experiences an out gay African-American man.

E185.97.A69 A3 2018

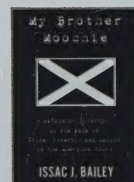


**Lighting the Fires of Freedom: African American Women in the Civil Rights Movement**

By Janet Dewart Bell

Nine brave women tell their stories 50 years after the passage of the 1968 Civil Rights Act.

E185.61 .B44 2018x



**My Brother Moochie: Regaining Dignity in the Face of Crime, Poverty, and Racism in the American South**

By Isaac J. Bailey

The incarceration of Isaac Bailey's brother caused them considerable pain.

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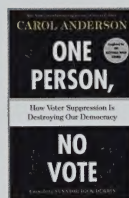


**My Mother. Barack Obama. Donald Trump. and the Last Stand of the Angry White Man.**

By Kevin Powell

Kevin Powell writes 15 essays about his relationship with his mother and the political and social occurrences during the Obama and Trump administrations.

E185.86 .P6676 2018



**One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy**

By Carol Anderson

Emory University professor Carol Anderson relays the history of openly racist, clear-cut suppression tactics of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and makes connections to disenfranchisement campaigns of the present.

JK1924 .A54 2018

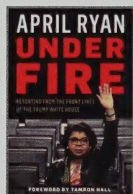


**Standing Our Ground: The Triumph of Faith over Gun Violence**

By Lucia Kay McBath  
with Rosemary Robotham

Lucia Kay McBath is a noted gun violence prevention advocate. She tells her story and provides a faith-based remedy for gun control.

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## Under Fire: Reporting from the Front Lines of the Trump White House

By April Ryan

Veteran White House reporter April Ryan describes her experiences working in the Trump White House.

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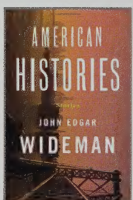
## We Can't Breathe: On Black Lives, White Lies, and the Art of Survival

By Jabari Asim

This is a collection of essays celebrating African-American survival and persistence through art and community.

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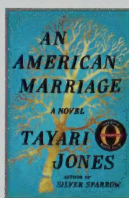


## American Histories: Stories

By John Edgar Wideman

This collection of short stories by noted author John Edgar Wideman combines personal, political, and historical elements.

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## An American Marriage

By Tayari Jones

Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are adjusting to their new life in Atlanta when Roy is sent to prison for a crime he did not commit.

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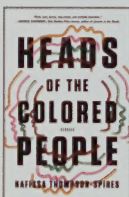


## The Beauty That Remains

By Ashley Woodfolk

Music brings Autumn, Shey, and Logan together. Several deaths almost tear them apart.

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## Heads of the Colored People: Stories

By Nafissa Thompson-Spires

These moving and darkly funny stories highlight contemporary African-American life.

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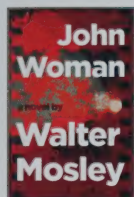
## The Season of Styx Malone

By Kekla Magoon

Caleb and Bobby Gene, two small-town kids, spend an exciting and troubling summer with their new, more experienced neighbor from the city, Styx Malone.

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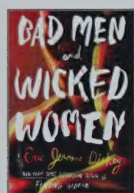


### John Woman

By Walter Mosley

Multiracial teen Cornelius receives life wisdom from his ailing father. Later, Cornelius reinvents himself as a professor who shares this knowledge.

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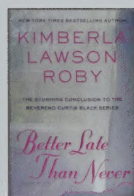


### Bad Men and Wicked Women

By Eric Jerome Dickey

Low level enforcer Ken Swift has women and family problems.

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### Better Late Than Never

By Kimberla Lawson Roby

Curtis Black faces problems with his seriously ill estranged sister and his newly rebellious teenage daughter.

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### Head Games

By Mary B. Morrison

Four lifelong bachelor friends compete to see who can "date and dump" the most women.

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### Los Angeles

By C.N. Phillips

Cyril Anderson vows to avenge the murder of his gang leader brother Cane.

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### Tears of a Hustler 5: The Spades: A Novel

By Silk White

Hustler Pauleena gets out of jail and back into the game.

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### The Woman Trapped in the Dark

By J.D. Mason

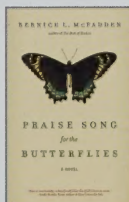
In this third installment of the Blink, Texas series, evil forces conspire to keep Abby and Jordan apart.

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### Praise Song for the Butterflies

By Bernice McFadden

In a fictitious African country, Abeo Kato is enslaved for 15 years.

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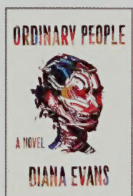
## **My Sister, the Serial Killer: A Novel**

By Oyinkan Braithwaite

Nigerian Ayoola must deal with her troublesome, murderous sister in

this debut darkly comic novel.

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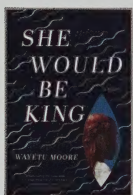
## **Ordinary People: A Novel**

By Diana Evans

In the same year Obama becomes the first Black president of the US, four

Black friends in the UK come up against significant changes in their relationships.

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## **She Would be King: A Novel**

By Wayétu Moore

Three Black youth discover they have magical powers

and band together to ease the conflicts between African-American settlers and the indigenous of Liberia.

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## **Slave Old Man**

By Patrick Chamoiseau

An elderly slave escapes from a plantation into the Martinique rainforest closely followed by the slave master.

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## **Welcome to Lagos**

By Chibundo Onuzo

A Nigerian army officer deserts and travels to Lagos, where he founds a new anti-government movement.

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